

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of	)	
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CHIEN HO, et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1653
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Serial No.: 09/986,666	)	Examiner: K. Carlson
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Filed: November 9, 2001	)	
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For: LOW OXYGEN AFFINITY MUTANT	)	
HEMOGLOBINS	)	

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2003, to which a shortened statutory period was set to expire July 9, 2003. A petition for a three-month extension of time to and including September 9, 2003 and the fee therefor accompanies this response.

The following items also accompany this response:

- \* a supplemental Sequence Listing in paper and computer-readable form;
- \* formal drawings; and
- \* copies of the two Information Disclosure Statements ("IDS") and Forms PTO-1449 filed in parent application Serial No. 09/598,218 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c) and the fee required by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p).

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.